

## **Roles of the NAWMP Science Support Team**

- 1) Provide technical input and recommendations to the NAWMP Committee on NAWMP implementation.
  - (i) summarize NAWMP accomplishments and assess achievements in relation to NAWMP objectives and periodically report to the NAWMP Committee.
  - (ii) assist in periodic review of NAWMP population objectives considering the habitat implications of waterfowl sub-population management.
  - (iii) advise on NAWMP species and geographic priorities.
  - (iv) provide input on NAWMP updates and technical companion documents.
  - (v) provide technical assistance in developing broad-scale implementation strategies for NAWMP.
  - (vi) help interpret long-term implications of climate, agro-economic, and other global changes for the future of waterfowl conservation.
- 2) Facilitate the identification of methods for biological planning and for evaluating Plan performance at continental and regional scales.
  - (i) assess the function and appropriate form of continental and regional population objectives.
  - (ii) assist in developing a better understanding of the effects of habitat variation on population demography in order to link regional habitat objectives to continental population objectives, and assess NAWMP progress while accounting for uncontrolled environmental variation.
  - (iii) help identify metrics and standard methodologies for evaluating NAWMP performance.
  - (iv) identify common currencies and definitions for inter-joint venture planning.
  - (v) seek standardization and integration in survey and data management protocols for habitat and population monitoring and provide input on priority data holdings of the emerging Migratory Bird Population and Habitat Data Center.
- 3) Act as a forum for discussions and integration of biological planning and evaluation at multiple scales.
  - (i) improve the coordination of national/continental and regional assessments.
  - (ii) improve the coordination of biological planning, monitoring, and assessment efforts among the joint ventures.
  - (iii) identify broad-scale information gaps and technical issues beyond the scope of individual joint ventures.
  - (iv) promote the conceptual framework of adaptive resource management as an effective decision-making tool.

- 4) Facilitate technical information exchange and reporting among joint ventures and the NAWMP Committee.
  - (i) improve technical information exchange among joint ventures.
  - (ii) improve technical information and report exchange among the NAWMP Committee, the North American Wetlands Conservation Council, and the joint ventures.
  - (iii) provide effective lines of communication among joint ventures and the NAWMP Committee.
  - (iv) improve coordination among joint ventures and the Adaptive Management and Assessment Team.
  - (v) provide a vehicle for synthesis and dissemination of information.
- 5) Help identify and communicate data, monitoring, assessment, and research needs to USGS-BRD, academia, FWS, and other Plan partners.
  - (i) develop a biological framework to prioritize research, assessment, and monitoring needs that enables objective comparison of evaluation investment decision options.
- 6) Facilitate technical integration with the Flyway system and other bird initiatives on issues of common interest.
  - (i) provide a point of contact to the Flyway System to improve coordination on issues of common concern (e.g., population objectives, monitoring).
  - (ii) provide a point of contact to national technical groups of other bird conservation initiatives.
  - (iii) provide for technical exchange with the states through the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.
  - (iv) communicate habitat monitoring needs to other conservation initiatives.